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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM -- TALKING POINTS FOR AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELE'S MEETING WITH THE FRENCH (S/S 7525488)

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1. AFTER HIS AFRICAN TRIP, AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELE HAS SUGGESTED THAT HE MEET WITH ELYSEE OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR ANGOLA. WE HAVE ALSO PROPOSED (REFTEL) THAT HE CONSULT IN LONDON AND BONN ON HIS WAY BACK TO WASHINGTON. FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTED INSTRUCTIONS FOR AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELE'S CONSULTATIONS IN PARIS FOR YOUR APPROVAL. PROPOSED TALKING POINTS FOR LONDON AND BONN STOPS WILL FOLLOW.

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FOR AMBASSADOR SCHAUFELE FROM THE SECRETARY

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1. BEFORE YOUR MEETING WITH FRENCH OFFICIALS ON ANGOLA, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF SEVERAL RECENT DEVELOPMENTS THAT WILL EFFECT YOUR DISCUSSION:

-- AROUND DECEMBER 18, PRESIDENT GISCARD SENT A LETTER TO 13 AFRICAN FRANCOPHONE STATES REPORTEDLY URGING THEM TO SUPPORT AN OAU SUMMIT RECOMMENDATION CALLING FOR AN END TO ALL FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY, AND ENCOURAGING CONTINUED DIALOGUE ON THE ANGOLAN SITUATION.

-- WE INFORMED THE FRENCH HERE OF THE BROAD OUTLINES OF OUR PLAN TO SEND A MILITARY SURVEY TEAM TO GABON.

-- IT APPEARS THE SOUTH AFRICANS TEND TO WITHDRAW ALL THEIR FORCES FROM ANGOLA BEFORE THE OAU SUMMIT.

2. ISSUES/TALKING POINTS:

A) RESULTS OF YOUR TRIP:

-- TO THE DEGREE APPROPRIATE, YOU SHOULD INFORM THE FRENCH OF THE RESULTS OF YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH AFRICAN LEADERS AND SOLICIT JOURNIACS IMPRESSIONS BASED ON HIS OWN RECENT VISIT TO THE AREA.

-- YOU SHOULD REPEAT TO THE FRENCH THE OBJECTIVES OF YOUR VISIT, EMPHASIZING OUR DESIRE TO INSURE OUR AFRICAN FRIENDS WERE FULLY AWARE OF OUR INTENTION TO REMAIN INVOLVED IN ANGOLA AND TO RESIST THE SOVIET ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE A CLIENT REGIME ON THAT COUNTRY.

B) SOUTH AFRICA:
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-- YOU SHOULD ASK THE FRENCH FOR THEIR ASSESSMENT OF THE LIKELIHOOD AND DEGREE OF A SOUTH AFRICAN WITHDRAWAL FROM ANGOLA AS WELL AS THE POSSIBLE MILITARY AND POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES.

-- IF NOT RAISED BY THE FRENCH, YOU SHOULD ASK IF THEIR PLANS WOULD BE IN ANY WAY ALTERED AS A RESULT OF A SAG

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PULLOUT.

-- REITERATE TO THEM OUR INTENTION TO REMAIN FULLY COM-
MITTED IN ANGOLA REGARDLESS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN DECISION
AND ASK IF THEY HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS ON STEPS WE CAN TAKE,
SEPARATELY OR JOINTLY, TO FILL THE VACUUM.

C) OAU SUMMIT:

-- SUGGEST THAT WE NEED TO COORDINATE CLOSELY OUR DIPLO-
MATIC EFFORTS BEFORE AND DURING THE SUMMIT TO INSURE WE
EXERT THE MAXIMUM INFLUENCE ON A WIDE RANGE OF LEADERS
AT THE PROPER TIMES. EXPRESS THE DANGER WE SEE OF A VIC-
TORY BY THE OAU RADICALS UNLESS OUR FRIENDS PERSONALLY
ATTEND THE SUMMIT AND FORCEFULLY ARGUE THEIR CASE.
SUGGEST WE BOTH INSTRUCT OUR AMBASSADORS IN ADDIS TO
COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH ONE ANOTHER DURING THE OAU MEETINGS.

-- EXPRESS OUR PLEASURE OVER GISCARD'S LETTER TO THE
FRANCOPHONE STATES, QUERY REGARDING ANY RESPONSES TO THE
LETTER, AND MENTION PRESIDENT FORD'S INTENTION TO SEND A
SIMILAR LETTER TO VARIOUS STATES IN EARLY JANUARY.

D) GABON:

-- MENTION TO THE FRENCH OUR DECISION, IN RESPONSE TO A
REQUEST BY BONGO, TO SEND A MILITARY SURVEY TEAM OF THREE
OFFICERS TO GABON ON JANUARY 5. THE VISIT IS TO LAST
ABOUT 10 DAYS AND THE PURPOSE IS TO CONSULT WITH GABON ON
THEIR DEFENSE NEEDS AND TO PREPARE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
IMPROVEMENT IN THEIR ARMS AND FORCES.

-- REITERATE THAT THE VISIT IS NOT DESIGNED TO USURP AN
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AREA OF NORMAL FRENCH INFLUENCE BUT RATHER TO DEMONSTRATE
TO BONGO AND OTHERS THAT WE INTEND TO REMAIN INVOLVED IN
AFRICA AND TO ASSIST FRIENDLY STATES TO IMPROVE THEIR
SECURITY.

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